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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mr. President:

I would like to indicate to you my concerns with respect to the proposed delivery of F-15 fighters to Saudi Arabia. You recently received a letter from many of my colleagues in the House urging that we not include offensive equipment such as the AIM-9L air-to-air missiles as part of this weapons sale. I would also urge you not to include such equipment.

Saudi Arabia has previously indicated that it will use the F-15 in a defensive role as an air superiority fighter. The addition of advance air-to-air missile capability would change the capacity of the F-15 and turn it into an offensive weapons system. This, I believe, would add a new threat to Israel and add an element of military instability in that region.

Again I respectfully urge you not request the Congress to approve the sale of this additional equipment to Saudi Arabia.

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Foley
Member of Congress

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